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REMARKS

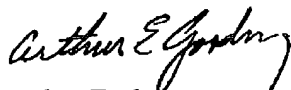
The office action of December 2, 2003 has been received and carefully reviewed. It is submitted that by this response, all bases, rejection, and objection are traversed. Upon entry of this response, claims 1-24, 6-19, and 21-25 remain in the application. Claims 5 and 20 have been cancelled.

Claims 1-4, 6-8, 19 and 21-25 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Japanese Publication No. 62-234,550. Claims 5, 9, 18 and 20 are objected to as based on rejected parent claims, and would be allowed if written in independent form.

Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate all the limitations of claim 5. Applicants assert that claim 1 is now allowable. Claims 2-4 and 6-18 depend from Claim 1 either directly or indirectly and through this dependence are also allowable. Claim 19 has been amended by incorporating the limitations of claim 20. Applicants assert that claim 19 is now allowable. Claims 21-25 depend either directly or indirectly from claim 19 and through this dependence are also allowable.

In summary, claims 1-4, 6-19, and 21-25 remain in the application. Claims 5 and 20 have been cancelled. It is submitted that by this amendment, all basis of rejection and objection have been overcome. Accordingly, in view of the above amendments and remarks, this application is now believed to be in a condition for an allowance of all remaining claims and such action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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